



STAFF REPORT

City Council

Meeting Date:

8/11/2026

Staff Report Number:

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Informational Item:

Police department quarterly update / Q2 April – June 2026

Recommendation

The purpose of this informational item is to provide an update to the public and to the City Council as requested in the City Council discussions in spring and summer 2021. This is an informational item and does not require City Council action.

Policy Issues

Consistent with City Council direction and continued interest in Menlo Park Police Department (MPPD) operations, equipment, transparency, and accountability, this informational report provides the public and City Council with a quarterly operational update.

Analysis

The attached quarterly report (Attachment A) provides a summary of the MPPDs operational activity during the reporting period. The report includes information related to:

- Patrol Services
- Accountability – Use of Force and Complaints
- Crime and Collision Data
- Crime Reporting
- Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team (CWCRT)
- Dispatch Services
- Community Events
- Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA)

The quarterly report is a living document and will be updated each quarter to reflect current operational activity, key performance metrics, emerging trends, and other matters relevant to the MPPD and the community.

Environmental Review

This action is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15061(b)(3) as it will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Public Notice

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Attachments

A. MPPD Quarterly Report Q2 – 2026

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MENLO PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT QUARTER 2 2026 REPORT

PUBLIC SAFETY

AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS

The Department’s Transparency Portal provides the public with aggregate information regarding the ALPR program, including data retention, camera deployment, vehicle detections, search activity, hot list information, and participating data-sharing agencies. Flock Safety automatically deletes ALPR license plate reads and associated images after 30 days. However, audit records documenting user search activity, including the user, date, and documented reason for each search, are retained to support compliance reviews and ensure accountability.

To further strengthen oversight, the Department implemented a regularly scheduled external ALPR audit process during the second quarter. The Department now conducts both internal and external ALPR audits using randomly selected time periods throughout the year to identify indicators of noncompliance and ensure continued adherence to Department policy and applicable law.

The internal audit reviewed 377 user searches and identified no indicators of noncompliance. The first external audit reviewed 122,450 user searches and likewise identified no indicators of noncompliance.

Separately, in June 2026, the Department learned that the San Francisco Police Department had suspended NCRIC’s access to its Flock Safety ALPR system following an audit. Although Menlo Park’s data-sharing relationship with

NCRIC was authorized and consistent with Department policy and applicable law when established, the Department immediately revoked NCRIC’s access and conducted its own audit.

The NCRIC audit reviewed 214,147 user searches of Menlo Park ALPR data conducted between February 2025 and June 2026. Of those searches, approximately 0.33% were determined to be out of compliance with Department policy based on the documented search justification. No searches referencing immigration enforcement or ICE were identified during either the 2025 or 2026 audit.

As an additional safeguard, the Department is revoking existing ALPR data-sharing relationships and requiring partner agencies to execute an updated ALPR Data Sharing Agreement before access is restored. The agreement reaffirms each agency’s responsibility to comply with applicable California law and requires periodic internal audits to help ensure ALPR data continues to be used responsibly.

PATROL STATISTICS

YTD 2026	
NUMBER OF ARRESTS	547
NUMBER OF WARRANTS	270
NUMBER OF POLICE REPORTS GENERATED	1,393
NUMBER OF ON-LINE REPORTS GENERATED	52

YTD 2025	
NUMBER OF ARRESTS	557
NUMBER OF WARRANTS	133
NUMBER OF POLICE REPORTS GENERATED	1,487
NUMBER OF ON-LINE REPORTS GENERATED	54

* YEAR TO DATE REFLECTS STATISTICS FROM JANUARY THROUGH JUNE

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE

Q2 2026	
USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS	1
TASER DEPLOYMENTS	0
OFFICER COMPLAINTS	4
SUSTAINED COMPLAINTS	1

PATROL SERVICES - TRAFFIC DIVISION



Q2 COLLISION STATISTICS 2026

Total collisions	72
Total fatal collisions	0
Total injury collisions	37
Total injuries	50
DUI collisions	0

Q2 CITATION STATISTICS 2026

Total moving violations	1,088
Stop sign violations	85
Cell phone violations	123

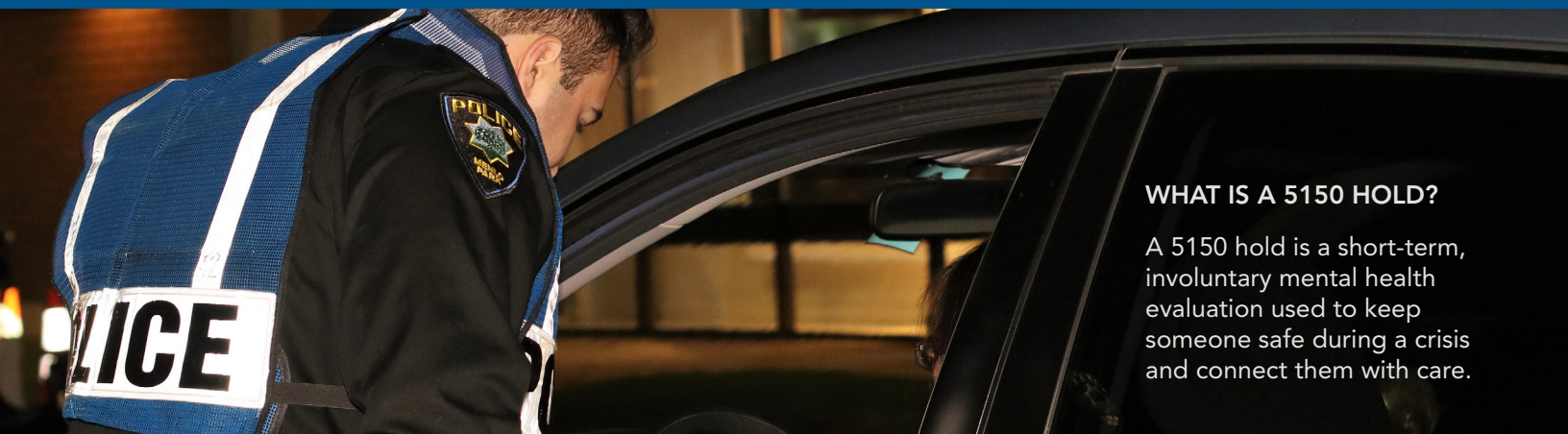
Q2 COLLISION STATISTICS 2025

Total collisions	70
Total fatal collisions	0
Total injury collisions	36
Total injuries	45
DUI collisions	1

Q2 CITATION STATISTICS 2025

Total moving violations	1,610
Stop sign violations	125
Cell phone violations	145

COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM



WHAT IS A 5150 HOLD?

A 5150 hold is a short-term, involuntary mental health evaluation used to keep someone safe during a crisis and connect them with care.

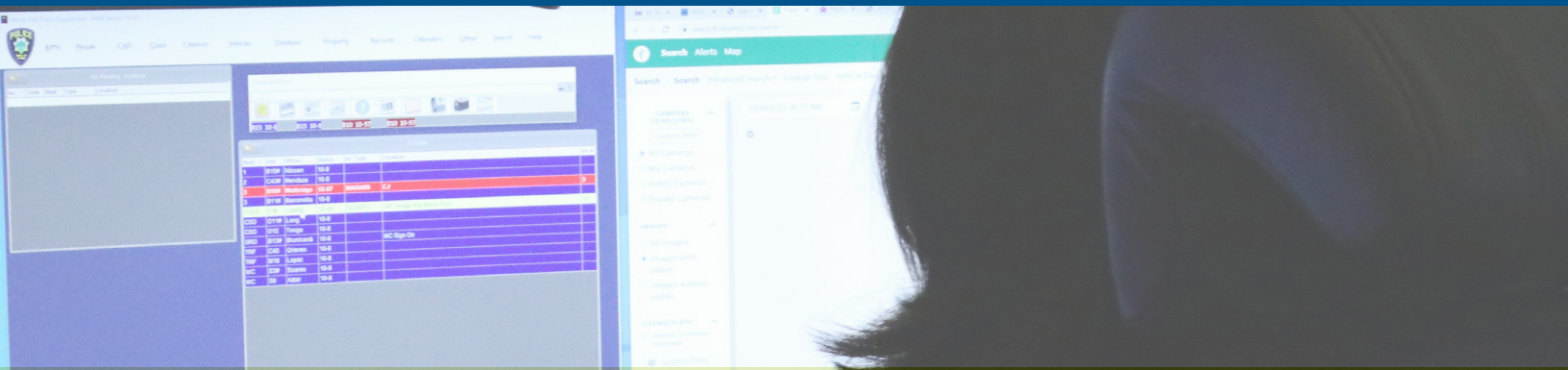
CWCRT STATISTICS - Q2

CWCRT TOTAL INCIDENTS	26
5150 EVALUATIONS	15
5150 HOLDS	6
VOLUNTARY EVALUATIONS	1
REPORTS WRITTEN	30
FOLLOW-UP CARE	9

QUARTERLY TRENDS

- Less than 25% of CWCRT responses resulted in a 5150 hold. More than 75% of the incidents were successfully resolved through less restrictive interventions.
- Older adults represented the largest population served. Adults age 50+ accounted for 50% of all contacts.
- Juvenile behavioral health responses remain consistent making up 17% of CWCRT workload.
- Menlo Park residents represent 63% of CWCRT contacts.

DISPATCH SERVICES



DISPATCH CALLS ANSWERED

YEAR TO DATE	911 CALLS	NON-EMERGENCY CALLS	ALL CALLS
2026	5,407	10,861	16,268
2025	5,274	11,833	17,107

* YEAR TO DATE REFLECTS STATISTICS FROM JANUARY THROUGH JUNE

CRIME REPORTING

CATEGORIES OF OFFENSES

There are two categories of offenses reported in NIBRS: Group A and Group B. It is important to determine the correct category because the reporting requirements differ. Group A offenses are used to report all incidents within a law enforcement agency's jurisdiction, while Group B offenses are used only to report arrest data. Please refer to <https://www.menlopark.gov/Government/Departments/Police/Transparency/Crime-statistics> for Group A and Group B offenses.

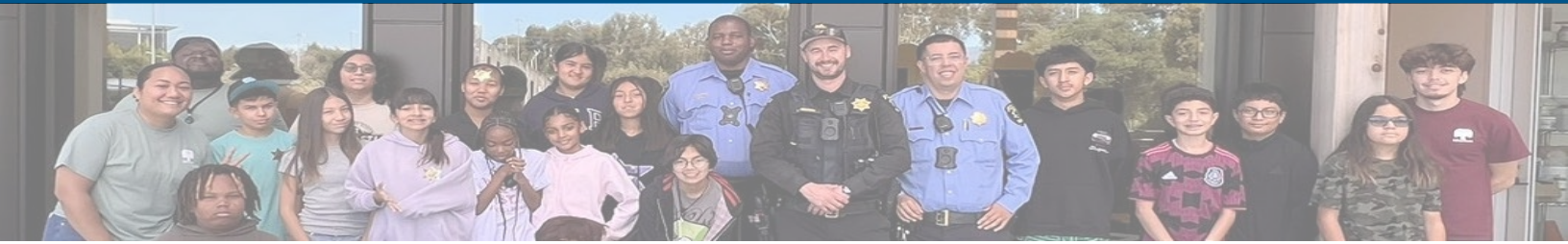
JANUARY - MARCH - SUMMARY CRIME REPORT

OFFENSE (GROUP A)	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% CHANGE
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%
RAPE	4	1	300%
ROBBERY	1	6	-83%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	14	27	-48%
BURGLARY	19	28	-32%
LARCENY	130	233	-44%
STOLEN VEHICLE	12	14	-14%
ARSON	1	0	100%

MISC CRIMES	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	%CHANGE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	17	25	-32%
OFFICER ASSAULT	2	1	100%
HATE CRIME	1	1	0%
CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS	2	11	-82%

*THE MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES CLASSIFICATIONS ABOVE REFER TO STATE MANDATED SPECIAL REPORTING GROUPS

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Date	Event	Location
APRIL 25, 2026	FUN RUN	BHCC
MAY 2, 2026	BIKE RODEO	PARKING LOT ON CAMPUS - BURGESS
MAY 7, 2026	CAR SEAT INSTALLATION EVENT	NEIMAN MARCUS PARKING STRUCTURE
MAY 14, 2026	BIKE TO WORK DAY	MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
MAY 16, 2026	CAREER FAIR	SOUTH BAY POLICE ACADEMY, SAN JOSE
MAY 17, 2026	SCHOOL HOUSE RUN	HILLVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
MAY 20, 2026	BIKE TO LAUREL SCHOOL	LAUREL SCHOOL
MAY 21, 2026	LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN	MENLO COLLEGE
MAY 26, 2026	SWEARING-IN CEREMONY	COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 6, 2026	NATIVITY CARNIVAL	NATIVITY SCHOOL
JUNE 7, 2026	NATIVITY CARNIVAL	NATIVITY SCHOOL
JUNE 25, 2026	COPS & CAMPS	BHCC
JUNE 30, 2026	COPS & CAMPS	BHCC



Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) California Assembly Bill 953

OVERVIEW:

In 2015, the State of California passed Assembly Bill No. 953 (AB 953), otherwise known as the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA). AB 953, hereafter referred to simply as RIPA, requires that law enforcement agencies in the state of California collect perceived demographic data from specified police contacts.

This data, referred to by RIPA as “stop data,” is to be collected in accordance with the California Code of Regulations and submitted to the Department of Justice on a yearly basis.

As outlined by the California Code of Regulations (11 CCR § 999.224), RIPA stop data must be collected during police contacts matching either of the following criteria: “(1) Any detention ... by a peace officer of a person; or (2) any peace officer interaction with a person in which the officer conducts a search...”

Specified data fields for each RIPA stop must be completed at the end of every qualifying contact and certain data collected is based on the officer’s perception. Therefore, it is important to note that the way an officer perceives any given individual might differ from the way that individual identifies themselves.

The collection requirement of this statute was implemented in waves, with each wave having a staggered commencement date based on agency size. Larger agencies in the state began collecting stop data as early as 2018. As a smaller-size agency, Menlo Park Police Department began collecting stop data for RIPA on January 1, 2022 and regularly uploading the data to the Department of Justice shortly thereafter.

The Menlo Park Police Department welcomes the opportunity to use this data to continuously maintain and improve upon our longstanding core values, and providing the people of Menlo Park a transparent overview of each year’s RIPA data and utilizing that data to continuously monitor our work and engage in meaningful conversations with our Community. The following report has been compiled using Menlo Park Police Department RIPA stop data from the period of April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

METHODOLOGY:

The information presented in the RIPA section of this report is representative of the 2026 statistical data gathered from the work of on-duty Menlo Park Police Officers. This data includes all stop data reported by our police officers. While about 93% of these stops typically occur within the City of Menlo Park, our jagged boundaries result in occasional stops in adjoining jurisdictions, including Atherton, East Palo Alto, and Unincorporated San Mateo County.

Officers report the following for “perceived characteristics” for each person stopped:

- Perceived Race or Ethnicity of Person Stopped
- Perceived Gender of Person Stopped
- Person Stopped Perceived to be LGBT
- Perceived Age of Person Stopped
- Person Stopped Has Limited or No English Fluency
- Perceived or Known Disability of Person Stopped

Specific officer actions are also tracked if the individual meets the stop requirements of RIPA. These include:

- Reason for stop
- Result of the stop
- Actions taken during the stop

It is important to note that this data collection establishes a firm baseline for exploring these questions and serves as an excellent point of reference for future professional policing efforts.

REFERENCE MATERIALS SUPPLEMENTAL TO REVIEW OF COLLECTED DATA:

- Link for the [DOJ Data Portal](#)
- NOTE – Various state reports on this site include accumulated annual RIPA data aggregated by year up to 2021, and will not yet include Menlo Park PD Data from 2025
- Link to [2026 RIPA Board Annual Report](#)
- Link to [Menlo Park Citizen RIMS](#)
- Link to [MPPD Lexipol Policy Manual](#) Bias-Based Policing Policy and RIPA Policy 402 (p. 314)
- This includes section 402.4.2 "REPORTING OF STOPS" and 402.7 "REPORTING TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE"
- Link to the [2020-21 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury's Report](#) - "BUILDING GREATER TRUST BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY & LAW ENFORCEMENT VIA THE RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT"

DEMOGRAPHICS REFERENCE:

- [City of Menlo Park](#)
- [San Mateo County](#)
- [9 SF Bay Area Counties](#)
- [State of California](#)

TOTAL STOPS
1,840

OFFICER INITIATED
ACTIVITY
1,772

CALLS FOR SERVICE
RESULTING IN STOPS
68

REASON FOR STOP

Consensual encounter resulting in search	17
Determine if student violated school property	0
Investigation to determine if the person is a truant	0
Knowledge of outstanding arrest warrant/wanted person	21
Known to be on parole/probation/PRCS/mandatory supervision	7
Possible conduct warranting discipline under Education Code	0
Probable cause to arrest or search	12
Probably cause to take into custody - Section 5150	27
Reasonable suspicion that the person was engaged in criminal activity	65
Traffic violation	1,554

NON-FORCE ACTIONS TAKEN DURING STOP

Asked for consent to search a person	32
Asked for consent to search property	39
Asked for identification of stopped person's passenger	4
Asked whether the person is on parole, probation, Postrelease Community Supervision (PRCS), or other mandatory supervision	20
Canine used to search for, locate, and/or detect contriband	1
Curbside detention	23
Field sobriety test conducted	22
Frisk/pat search of the person's outer clothing was conducted	23
None	1,651
Patrol car detention	16
Person photographed	24
Person removed from vehicle by order	15
Property was seized	48
Ran name of stopped person's passenger	7
Search of person was conducted	111
Search of property was conducted	75
Vehicle impounded	3

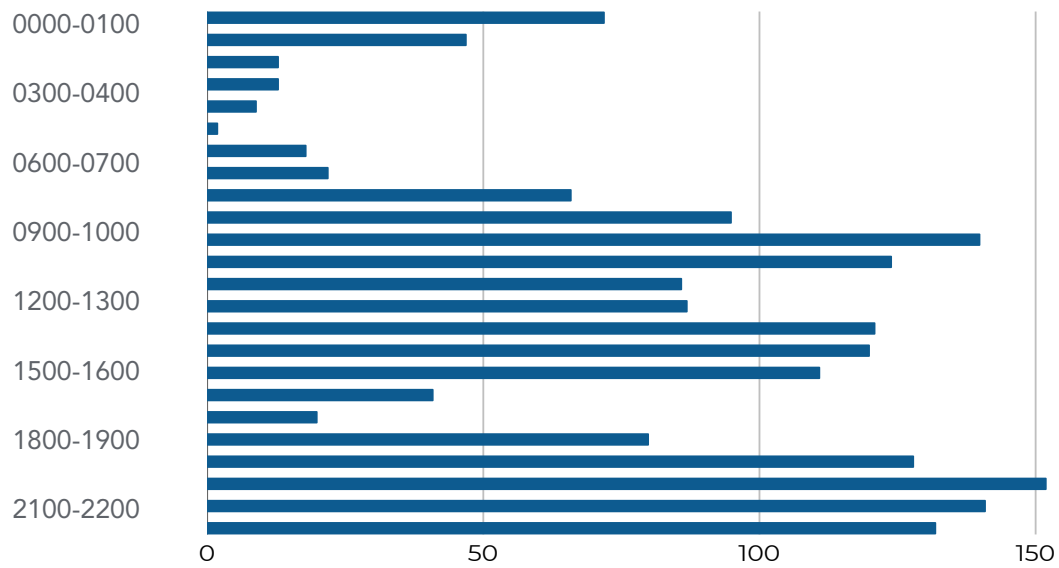
FORCE ACTIONS TAKEN DURING STOP

Baton or other impact weapon drawn	0
Baton or other impact weapon used	0
Chemical spray used (e.g., pepper spray, mace)	0
Electronic control device pointed at person or sparked	0
Electronic control device used in dart-mode	0
Electronic control device used in drive-stun mode	0
Firearm discharged	0
Firearm pointed at person	2
Firearm unholstered	2
Handcuffed or flex cuffed	84
Impact projectile discharged or used (e.g., rubber bullets)	0
Impact projectile weapon pointed at person	0
None	1,754
Officer's canine bit or held a person	0
Officers canine removed from vehicle or used to search	0
Person removed from vehicle by physical contact	1
Physical compliance tactics and techniques	2
Use of vehicle in apprehension of stopped person	0

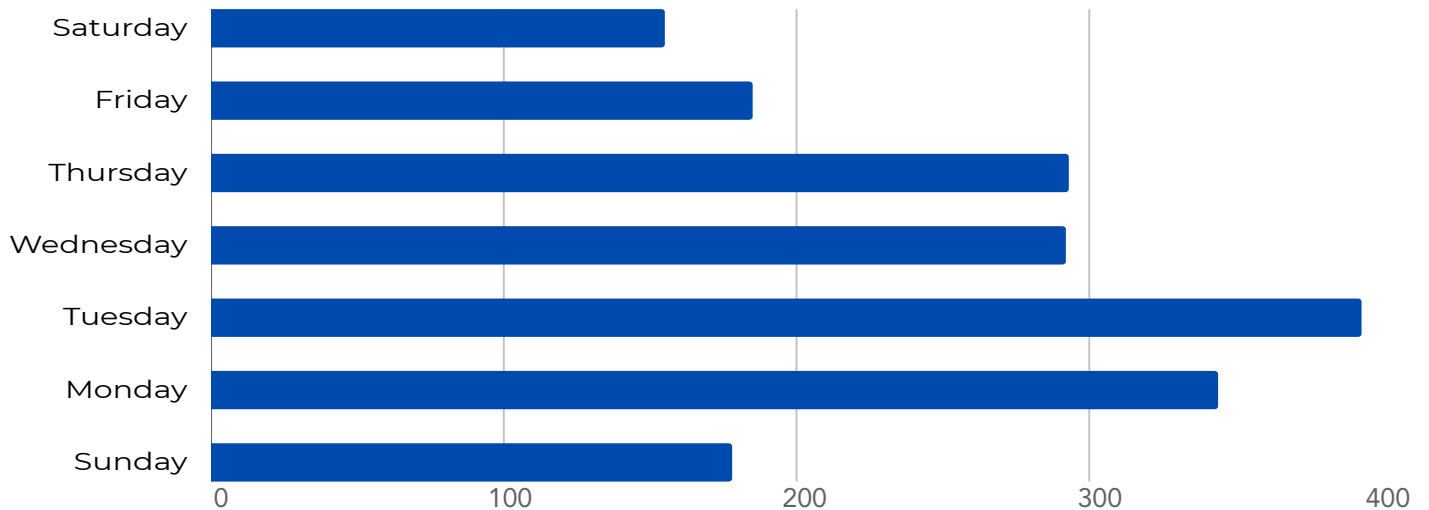
RESULT OF STOP

Citation for infraction	689
Contacted parent/legal guardian or other person responsible for the minor	6
Contacted the U.S. Department of Homeland Security	0
Custodial arrest pursuant to outstanding warrant	31
Custodial arrest without warrant	44
Field interview card completed	20
In-field cite and release	55
No action	188
Noncriminal transport for caretaking	0
Psychiatric hold	22
Referral to school administrator	0
Referral to school counselor or other support staff	0
Warning (verbal or written)	854

STOPS BY TIME OF DAY



STOPS BY DAY OF WEEK



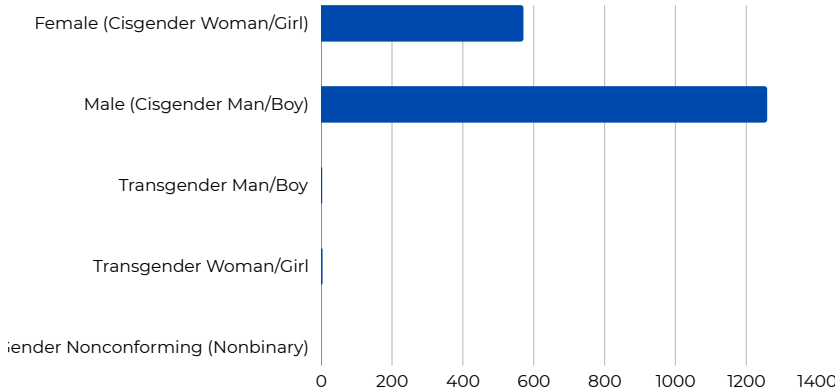
PERCEIVED GENDER

As defined in RIPA Regulations

“Transgender man/boy” means a person who was assigned female at birth but who currently identifies as a man, or boy if the person is a minor.

“Transgender woman/girl” means a person who was assigned male at birth but who currently identifies as a woman, or girl if the person is a minor.

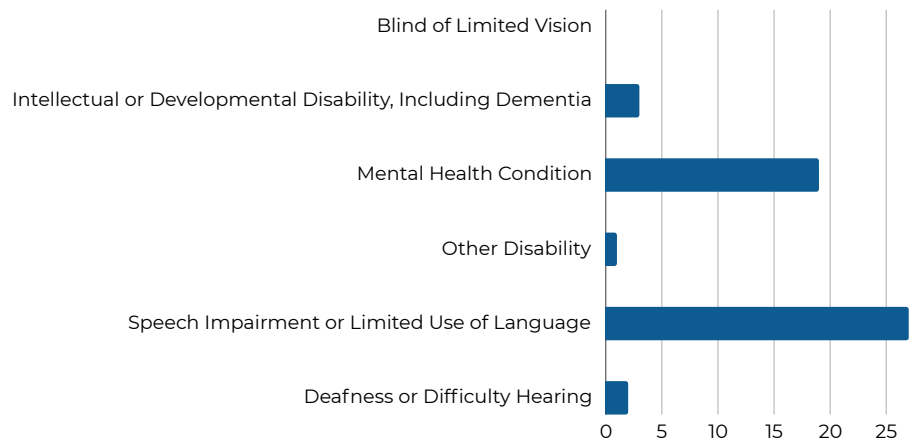
“Gender nonconforming” means a person whose gender-related appearance, behavior, or both, differ from traditional conceptions about how males or females typically look or behave. A person of any gender or gender identity may be gender nonconforming. For this reason, an officer may select “Gender nonconforming” in addition to any of the other gender data values, if applicable.



Female (Cisgender Woman/Girl)	571
Male (Cisgender Man/Boy)	1,259
Transgender Man/Boy	3
Transgender Woman/Girl	4
Gender Nonconforming (Nonbinary)	0

PERCEIVED DISABILITY

Blind or Limited Vision	0
Intellectual or Developmental Disability, Including Dementia	3
Mental Health Condition	19
Other Disability	1
Speech Impairment or Limited Use of Language	27
Deafness or Difficulty Hearing	2



It should be noted that for 1,788 contacts, there were no perceived disabilities.

As defined in RIPA Regulations – More than one option can be chosen

“Asian” refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East or Southeast Asia, including for example, Cambodia, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam, but who does not fall within the definition of “Middle Eastern or South Asian” or “Pacific Islander.”

“Black/African American” Refers to a person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

“Hispanic/Latino” refers to a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

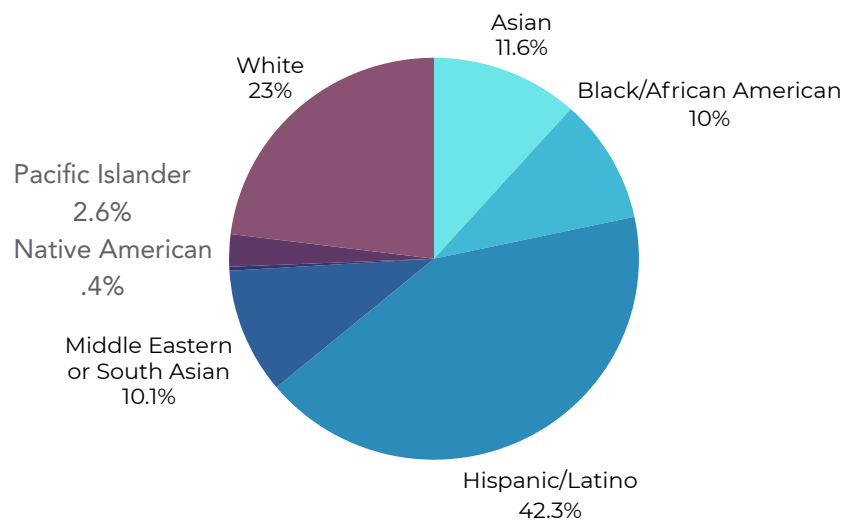
“Middle Eastern or South Asian” refers to a person of Arabic, Israeli, Iranian, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutanese, Maldivian, or Afghan origin.

“Native America” refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South American.

“Pacific Islander” refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guan, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands, but who does not fall within the definition of “Middle Eastern or South Asian” or “Asian.”

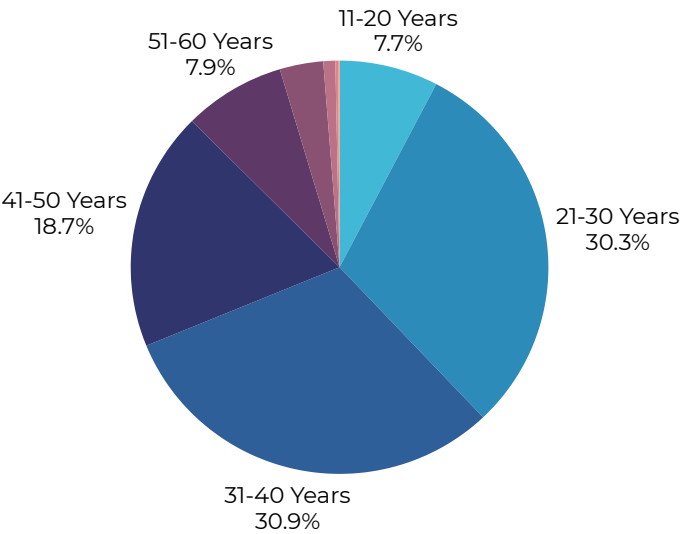
“White” refers to a person of Caucasian descent having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe and Eastern Europe.

Asian	219
Black/African American	189
Hispanic/Latino	797
Middle Eastern or South Asian	190
Native American	6
Pacific Islander	49
White	434



PERCEIVED AGE

0-10 Years	0
11-20 Years	141
21-30 Years	557
31-40 Years	568
41-50 Years	344
51-60 Years	145
61-70 Years	62
71-80 Years	17
81-90 Years	4
90 Years or Older	2





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